

## Children, Youth and Media

### ECREA TWG

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The TWG was proposed in February 2012 and approved by ECREA in May 2012. It has therefore been operational for half a year. Its formal objectives and modus operandi are available on the ECREA website. See also:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZSgCRW0PgxDkOLP8N6hjDaZY59O2Uu4Zc3LYJ15r7EY/edit>

#### Activities and achievements to date:

- We held a kick-off meeting at the ECREA conference in Istanbul, October 2012. In addition to a welcome by the Chair and one of the Vice Chairs, two speakers (Cynthia Carter and Michel Walrave) were invited to initiate discussion of mutual research interests. Some 40 scholars and research students were in attendance. A register of interests and email addresses was taken.
- We have established a listserv for regular communication among members- [LISTSERV@listserv.heanet.ie](mailto:LISTSERV@listserv.heanet.ie). The purpose of the list is to exchange news of ongoing projects and upcoming conferences and events, to identify emerging research interests and identify possible research collaborators. Currently, the list has 78 members from 21 European countries.
- Jane Fleischer, a Ph.D. student at Augsburg University, Germany, was elected as the YECREA representative to the TWG. She anticipates working with research students to stimulate and support their participation in the TWG activities.

#### Planned activities:

- Many members will next meet at the Youth 2.0 conference organised by Michel Walrave at the University of Antwerp, March 2013. The Children, Adolescents and Media section of the ICA conference, to be held in London, June 2013, and IAMCR shortly after in Dublin, are expected to be well attended also.
- The listserv is proving lively, with members introducing their research to each other and sharing mutual interests. This is expected to continue.
- The TWG is proposing a panel on youth and online safety for IAMCR, possibly to be followed by a social event for networking.

Sonia Livingstone (chair), Brian O'Neill and Cristina Ponte (vice-chairs)